

## Marble Hill Press

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Corn may be king, but he comes in the shape of pork.

That proposed copper merger seems well lined with gold.

It is a cold day when a packer can't draw a first page head.

Warships don't say in fashion any longer than women's hats.

All are turning to higher things—the higher cost of living in particular.

A spring without spring poets would be a delightful but impossible season.

Have you ascertained the truth of the statement that kissing is dangerous?

The price of beef appears to have fallen into its same old bad habit of going up.

All those explanations about the cause for high prices do not seem to lower them any.

It takes more than a fire to break up a bridge whist party when the ladies get fairly started.

Detroit man has eloped with his wife's mother. He will find this is no mother-in-law joke.

One trust after another is making the discovery that the laws of the United States must be obeyed.

Let the aviators who talk of the heights to which they have soared look at the price of hogs and be silent.

We begin to suspect that the ground hog stayed out to see the comet, and not because he thought spring had come.

The rush of Americans to European resorts may be due partly to the number of grand juries which are probing.

How would you like to be a poor, down-trodden farmer with nothing but a few droves of hogs to sell at record-breaking prices?

Senor Pedro Calarens, the richest man in Mexico, is also trying to die poor. He gives away more than a million dollars a year.

Belgium's new king is an enthusiastic collector of stamps. This is less expensive than the fads of his predecessor on the throne.

Uncle Sam has a new gun with a bore 16 inches in diameter. As it jars the earth six miles away it cannot be called a concealed weapon.

Thirty-two pancakes at one sitting! That Des Moines story sounds like that of the man who ate flannel cakes and woke up to find half the blanket gone.

This year all spring poets will be forgiven; for the winter has been such as to almost justify an exuberant outbreak into song or the semblance thereof once it is over.

There is nothing the matter with New York's subway except that it is overcrowded. Its tubes will also become congested. It is a town that always outgrows public conveniences.

The decision of the appellate division that a divorced man need not pay alimony to a former wife when she remarries again should strike the second husband favorably in his self-respect.

The plan of the California superintendent of education to require less work for school children at their homes does not, of course, apply to doing the chores and keeping the back yard clean.

A New Jersey man threatened his wife with divorce because she joined the boycott and would not give him meat. The beef magnates should make some substantial recognition of so determined a stand in their interests.

People who have received with absolute indifference reports that ten, twenty or fifty-dollar counterfeit bills were in circulation are now seriously disturbed. A counterfeit \$1 silver certificate of good workmanship has been discovered.

One of the many causes contributing to the "panic" of 1907 was the slump in copper due to the decline in demand. Now the market reports show a large gain in copper sales, with the consumption for January 43,600,000 pounds in excess of production for that month. The growing use of copper means increased activity in various branches of industry and hence shows that business continues on the up grade.

When colored eggs are in vogue we can expect the turkey to lay black ones at Thanksgiving time, tokens of mourning for departed sisters.

Immigration made a big record last year and the indications are that this year's figures will be even larger. And with such an imporing greater becomes the necessity for a careful examination at all ports of entry. Government officials must be compelled to do their work thoroughly and see that no undesirable from any foreign land are allowed to land.

## FARMERS JOIN IN DUAL CONVENTION

THOUSANDS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO ASSEMBLE AT ST. LOUIS IN MAY.

### POLITICS MAY PLAY A PART

The Presence of Gompers Lends Color to the Rumor That New Party May Be Launched—Many Leaders to Speak.

St. Louis.—One of the most important events of the year, both from a political and economic standpoint, will be the convention of farmers, to be held in St. Louis May 2 to 8. Thousands of delegates will attend, representing all the various farmers' organizations of the United States, and questions of importance will be considered.

Members of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America and the American Society of Equity have been invited to attend, and officials of both these bodies have pledged their support to the movement.

The fact that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is to be one of the speakers, lends support to this belief. Gompers, according to telegraphic advices from Washington, has agreed to use his influence in the formation of a new party, to be composed of farmers and working men, and some of those familiar with the affairs of the federation predict that he will select the St. Louis convention as the place in which to launch the movement.

#### Notable Speakers Coming.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, Senator Gore of Oklahoma, John Temple Graves, editorial writer of the Hearst publications, and A. M. Lawrence, editor of the Chicago Examiner, have promised to speak at the meeting.

John Grady, manager of the Farmers' convention in asking the railroads for a rate of one cent a mile has announced that an attendance of more than 200,000 is promised if the roads will grant the concession.

The convention will be held in the Coliseum. Its session will be supplemented by pleasure trips on the Mississippi and by visits to the summer gardens and other points of interest in and near St. Louis.

The following is the programme of speakers and subjects as completed to date:

#### Important Subjects Assigned.

Frederick H. Kreismann, mayor of St. Louis, address of welcome.

C. S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, "The Farmers' Union, the Greatest Constructive Influence, Past, Present and Future in the History of the American Farmer."

C. C. Drayton, president of American Society of Equity, "A National Union of Farmers."

Judge W. E. Monroe, Delhi, La., "The Call of the South."

J. J. McCumbers, United States senator, North Dakota, "Justification of Organization Among Farmers."

J. C. Cantrell, member of congress from Kentucky, "The Mission of the American Society of Equity."

J. H. Worst, Fargo, N. D., "The Farmer's Opportunity."

Dr. J. W. Long, educator, Madison, Wis., "Educating the Farmer."

A. O. Stanley, member of congress from Kentucky, "Tobacco Situation in Kentucky."

T. A. Hoverstal, educator, Fargo, N. D., "Practical Education of the Country Youth."

M. H. Jackson, Grand Rapids, Mich., "Agriculture in Our Schools."

C. A. Windle, Chicago, Ill., "Industrial Strength of the Farmer."

Thomas Watson, Georgia, "The Agricultural South and West Must Throw off the Shackles of New England."

Gifford Pinchot, "Conservation of Natural Resources."

Ed. R. Kone, commissioner of agriculture, Texas, "The South's Place in History."

Ed. L. Norris, governor of Montana, "Address by Representative."

E. J. Watson, commissioner, department of agriculture, commerce and industries, Columbia, "The Farmer and His Relation to the Economics of the Nation."

The following have agreed to speak but have not yet sent to the convention bureau the subject that they will discuss.

Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor; A. M. Lawrence; R. M. LaFollette, United States senator, Oklahoma; John Temple Graves; C. Porter Johnson.

#### Hot Box Starts \$50,000 Fire.

Louisiana, Missouri.—A hot box in the cutting department of the big Louisiana State and Heading company's plant, south of this city, Friday afternoon started a fire that destroyed the entire manufacturing and dry kiln plants. Loss \$50,000.

#### Convicted as a Bootlegger.

Mt. Vernon, Illinois.—J. S. Norris, a wealthy merchant of Waltonville, near here, was fined \$200 and sentenced to the county jail for 30 days, charged with bootlegging.

## ONE-MAN POWER



## MT. ETNA IS ACTIVE

ERUPTION HOURLY INCREASING. INHABITANTS ARE FLEEING TO PLACES OF SAFETY.

### MANY TOURISTS ARE IN DANGER

White-Hot Streams of Lava Pour Down Mountain—Stone and Ashes Being Thrown From Crater to Immense Height.

Naples, Italy.—The lava from Mount Etna, which is again in eruption, increased at an alarming rate Thursday and is now threatening the towns of Borello, Bell Passo, San Leo and the village of Ronazzi. Fresh craters have opened, though the main eruption is still from the center at Volta St. Giacomo, between Castello and Albanelli. The eruption is hourly becoming more violent.

The inhabitants of the threatened towns are frantically fleeing to places of safety and striving to save themselves and as much of their property as possible. The prefect of Catania has taken charge of the situation.

Immense damage has already been done to surrounding towns.

The authorities are experiencing the greatest difficulty in preventing tourists from approaching the mountain. They have warned visitors that there is the greatest danger of lava streams cutting off their return.

The eruption is accompanied by terrifying rumblings and frequent earth tremors. There is now estimated to be at least a dozen huge cracks in the mountain, from which white-hot streams of lava are pouring in great volume.

Stones and ashes are being thrown from the main crater to a great height and are falling on an area many miles in extent. The air is filled with floating dust and a heavy and destructive coating of ashes has covered all vegetation.

## TEXAN SUES FAMILY FOR FIVE MILLIONS

William A. Brown Asserts He Was Illegally Confined in Insane Asylum by His Relatives.

Brownsville, Texas.—William A. Brown, of this place, claims that he was illegally placed in the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio and kept there eleven years as the result of a conspiracy on the part of relatives and other to deprive him of his part of his father's estate, amounting in value to about \$5,000,000.

He recently obtained his release from the asylum and has just filed suit in court for \$5,000,000 damages against his brothers, James A. Brown, and Albert Brown, his sister, Mrs. M. C. Sanroman, and James B. Wells, all of Brownsville. Mr. Wells was formerly chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

#### Cuts Off Offensive Hand.

New Orleans, La.—Obeying the biblical injunction, "If thine hand offend thee, cut it off," W. J. Richards, a printer, first cut off a member which he said offended him and later escaped from a local hospital to carry out a threat of decapitating himself. He buried himself under a train. While in the hospital, he said he was glad he had chopped off his hand and hinted he was also dissatisfied with his head.

#### For Conservation of Waterways.

Washington, D. C.—The Weeks bill for conserving the head waters of navigable streams and appropriating not to exceed \$11,000,000 in the next five years for the acquisition of lands for conserving the head waters of for that purpose was acted on favorably by the house committee.

#### Fire at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—A \$200,000 fire Wednesday destroyed the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's Mineral Springs breaker, one of largest in state.

## NEW RULES COMMITTEE

HOUSE MEMBERS ARE SELECTED IN CAUCUS.

Republicans Select Six and Democrats Four for Important Committee in Congress.

Washington, D. C.—The meeting of the caucus of the Democratic and Republican parties in the house of representatives occurred this week to select members for the proposed new committee of ten on rules, provided for by the Norris resolution adopted by the allied insurgent and Democratic forces of the house last Saturday. The Republicans met Wednesday night and selected the following: Walter I. Smith, Iowa; John Dalzell, Pennsylvania; George F. Lawrence, Massachusetts; J. Sloat Fassett, New York; Henry S. Boutell, Illinois, and Sylvester C. Smith, California.



HENRY S. BOUTELL.  
Member of Committee From Illinois.

The Democratic caucus met Thursday night and nominated the minority members of the new rules committee of the house. Champ Clark of Missouri received 125 of the 140 votes cast, and consequently he will be the ranking minority member of the important committee. Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama received 102 votes; Lincoln Dixon of Indiana, 99 votes, and John J. Fitzgerald of New York, 98 votes. These latter will complete the Democrats on the committee.

#### Dynamite Patrol Wagon.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A police patrol wagon was dynamited while returning from a false alarm of riot in the northeast part of the city Friday. Six patrolmen, the driver and a sergeant were thrown out and badly hurt. The outrage is attributed to strike sympathizers.

#### G. Norman Pierce Is Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y.—George Norman Pierce, 64, formerly head of the automobile manufacturing company of George N. Pierce, died in his apartment here.

#### Seven Killed in Religious Riots.

Calcutta, India.—Religious riots have broken out as Peahawk and in the first clash between Hindus and Mohammedans seven were killed and forty injured and many shops rifled.

#### Menelik Dethroned.

Addis Abeba, Abyssinia.—Ras Tseama, the regent, has seized control of the government taking advantage of the retirement of King Menelik from active direction of the affairs of Abyssinia.

#### Two Hundred Families Homeless.

Mount Hope, W. Va.—Over two hundred families were deprived of homes and shelter of any kind by a fire which wiped out practically the entire village.

#### Ask Writ Against Hyde.

Kansas City, Mo.—Reed, Atwood, Yates, Mastin & Harvey, in the circuit court at Independence, filed a petition for an injunction to restrain Dr. B. Clark Hyde from taking depositions in Kansas City in his \$100,000 slander suit against John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate.

#### That the Plaintiff Is Unlawfully Taking Depositions in Illinois and Missouri at the Same Time, Is the Ground on Which the Restraining Order Is Asked.

## 600,000 DEATHS YEARLY NEEDLESS

SENATOR OWEN IN SPEECH, PLEADS FOR FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### STARTLING ARRAY OF FIGURES

Thousand Million Dollars Annually Wasted Through Fatalities, Says Oklahoman—Pension Roll Greatly Due to Disease.

Washington, D. C.—"The people of the United States suffer an annual loss of 600,000 lives that might be prevented by co-operation of the federal and state governments, each within its constitutional limits."

This statement was made by Senator Owen of Oklahoma in a speech before the senate, in support of his bill to create a department of health, the head of which should be a member of the president's cabinet.

"These deaths are caused by polluted water," he said, "impure and adulterated foods and drugs, epidemics, various preventable diseases and tuberculosis, typhoid fever, malarial fevers and so forth—unclean cities and bad sanitation."

"Measuring the money value of an American citizen at \$1700, this preventable loss by death is \$1,000,000,000."

"There are 3,000,000 people in the United States on the sick list from preventable causes of whom 1,000,000 are in the working period of life—about 750,000 actual workers, losing an average of \$700 per annum, an approximate loss from illness of \$500,000,000, and adding a reasonable allowance for medicine, medical attendance, special food and care, a like sum of \$500,000,000 these losses would make another \$1,000,000,000 of preventable loss to the country."

"Our pension bill aggregates over \$150,000,000 per year, and three-fourths of it is due to illness and deaths from diseases that were preventable."

"The hookworm which affects 90 per cent of the children in one of the southern states could be wiped out as was the yellow fever in Havana by government operation."

"The bubonic plague is now among the ground squirrels and rats on the Pacific coast and scattered points over 1000 miles apart, due to the thoughtless ignorance, interest and prejudice of the commercial interests of San Francisco, which suppressed the faithful and intelligent work attempted to be discharged by the officers of the marine hospital service."

## THREE BURIED IN GRAVE

Victim of Disaster Is Followed by Grieving Wife and Newborn Babe—Obsequies at Galesburg.

Galesburg, Ill.—The first triple funeral service in the history of this community was held here Friday when Henry L. Pennington, his wife and infant child were buried.

Pennington was killed in the Rock Island wreck near Marshalltown, Ia. His wife, at Albert Lea, Minn., gave birth to the child the day after the news of the wreck reached her. The infant lived but a day. Mrs. Pennington died Thursday night, and the death certificate ascribed her death as due to grief.

She was a daughter of U. F. Yelton of Kahoka, Mo. While effort was made to keep the news of her husband's death from her, she guessed the truth.

## CHILD'S HEROIC RESCUE

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Snatches Baby From Death Under Pennsylvania Train.

Fairmont, Ind.—Braving death, Nettie Caskey, aged fifteen years, snatched her 3-year-old niece, Martelle Caskey, from in front of a locomotive on the Pennsylvania railroad Thursday. Both children rolled down the bank as the train dashed by.

Nettie had seen the baby trotting towards the approaching train and pursued her almost to the oncoming engine's pilot before she caught her in her arms and leaped aside. Engineer George Jardine was so shocked that he could not continue his run further than this city.

#### Railroad Bill Reported.

Washington, D. C.—The administration railroad bill, embodying many changes in the existing law and largely amended since its introduction in the house by Mr. Townsend (Mich.) has been ordered favorably reported by the house committee.

#### Last Wreck Victim Identified.

Marshalltown, Ia.—The last identification of the dead of Monday's wreck was made Thursday when B. F. Graham of Hermon, Ill., declared the hitherto unidentified woman to be Mrs. Annie Robertson of Galesburg, Ill., his mother-in-law.

#### Child Drowns in Sheep Dip.

Jacksonville, Ill.—The three-year-old daughter of Frank Dinwiddie, a farmer of Litterberry, met death by falling into a vat used for dipping sheep.

## MISSOURI NEWS

### Wabash Adopts Headlight.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley received a letter from the Wabash, informing him of the adoption by the company of an acetylene headlight for the equipment of its engines. The Wabash is the only road that has yet fully complied with the agreement upon which the measure adopted by the legislature was voted.

### First Regiment Officers Commissioned.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley issued the following commissions to officers of the First regiment, N. G. M., at St. Louis: Frederick L. Tripp, first lieutenant, and Eldon J. Fisher, second lieutenant, Company L; James H. Henneberry, second lieutenant, Company I, and John R. Hundley, second lieutenant, Company H.

### Egg-Laying Contest for Fall.

Mexico.—The national egg-laying contest to be held in this city in the central national experiment station will be started November 1 of this year. Already entries have come in from eighteen states, and more are arriving daily. Work will start on the buildings of the station next week.

### Governor Want Same Fourth.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley wants a safe and sane Fourth of July celebration in Missouri this year, and to this end he will call upon St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph to adopt such measures as will absolutely prevent the sale and use of dangerous explosives.

### Unable to Find School Site.

Jefferson City.—The negro board of managers appointed by Gov. Hadley to select a site for the industrial school created by the last legislature for incorrigible negro girls has not been able to secure a location for the institution as yet.

### Crops Advanced One Month.

Jefferson City.—Farm work in central Missouri and along the Missouri river valley is advanced fully one month over the ordinary season. Wheat is coming out in spots. On the upper lands there will be a fairly good yield.

### Poultry Farm Site Selected.

Mexico.—A site has been selected for the central national poultry experiment station, and it will be located on twenty acres immediately west of this city limits. The work started Monday on the buildings.

### Resigns to Become Pastor.

Liberty.—Professor T. P. Stafford, professor of theology and philosophy at William Jewell college, has resigned to accept the call of the First Baptist church at Canon City, Colo. His resignation takes effect June 1.

### Want 500 Old Settin' Hens.

Jefferson City.—Jesse A. Tolson, state game and fish commissioner, advertised for 500 "old settin'" hens, he proposes to use them for hatchery eggs laid by the Hungarian pheasants recently purchased. There are 100 of the latter.

### Judge Dykeman to Retire.

Joplin.—After four years as presiding judge of the county court of Jasper county, C. W. Dykeman announced his intention of resigning. A desire for rest in order to recuperate his health, is the reason he gives.

### Many Wheat Fields Dead.

Sedalia.—Experts employed by the Missouri state board of agriculture who have been examining the wheat fields in Benton, Pettis, Johnson and Saline counties report that 60 per cent of the wheat has been winter-killed.

### Courthouse Contract Awarded.

Springfield.—The Miram Lloyd Construction company was awarded the contract Wednesday to erect a new courthouse for Greene county. The court had been in session since Monday looking over the bids.

### St. James, Mo., Factory Burns.

St. James.—A fire destroyed the St. James canning and pickling plant. The loss, estimated at \$20,000, is partly covered by insurance. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

### Names April 8 as Arbor Day.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley issued an Arbor Day proclamation. He designates Friday, April 8, as the date and calls upon the public schools and citizens in general to observe the day.

### Pinchot's Trip Delayed.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley received a letter from Gifford Pinchot, former national forester, to the effect that he could not visit Missouri until the second week in May.

### Ex-Confederates Elect Delegates.

Nevada.—The Nevada camp of ex-Confederates elected the following delegates to attend the reunion to be held at Mobile, Ala.: J. D. Ingram, T. W. Martin, C. G. Jewell and T. Y. Brannock.

### Cooper County Wheat Loss Heavy.

Boonville.—Wheat in Cooper county this year will not average more than a half crop. In some places the loss is almost total. Many farmers are plowing up their wheat and will plant the ground in corn and oats.